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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT

1. IN CONNECTION WITH MY BRIEFING OF KUWAIT FONMIN SHAIKH
SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH FEB. 23 ON PERSIAN GULF
CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AT RIYADH
FEB. 20, I WARNED HIM TO EXPECT A GOOD DEAL OF PRESS
COVERAGE ON THE ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT QUESTION EMANATING
FROM WASHINGTON DURING THE NEXT PERIOD. I TOLD HIM THAT
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THE SECRETARY WOULD BE TESTIFYING BEFORE A SENATE
COMMITTEE ON FEB. 28 AND A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON MARCH 1 ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. I INFORMED SABAH AL-AHMAD THAT AT THE RIYADH MEETING
THE SECRETARY HAD INFORMED US THAT THE ADMINISTRATION
SUPPORTS THE ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ALREADY ON THE

BOOKS AND HOPES THAT ANY NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT

WITH EXISTING LAWS. MOREOVER, THE ADMINISTRATION TOOK THE POSITION THAT ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION SHOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. I COMMENTED ALSO THAT, DURING AN AFTER-DINNER DISCUSSION WITH SAUDI FONMIN PRICE SAUD FEB. 19, IT APPEARED THAT THE SAUDI POSITION ON THE BOYCOTT WAS NOT AS RIGID AS SAG

HAD REPORTED IT TO BE. FROM THE CONVERSATION WHICH ASST. SECRETARY ATHENTON AND A NUMBER OF US HAD HELD WITH PRINCE SAUD, HE APPEARED WILLING TO FIND REASONABLE FORMULAE WHICH WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH US LAWS WITHOUT COMPROMISING BASIC ARAB PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL. SABAH AL-AHMAD SAID THAT HE HAD COMMUNICATED WITH PRINCE SAUD AND HAD ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE EXAMPLES OF THE DOCUMENTATION USED BY THE SAG IN ITS APPLICATION OF THE BOYCOTT. SABAH AL-AHMAD INDICATED THAT KUWAIT WAS READY TO FOLLOW SAUDI ARABIA'S EXAMPLE IN THIS CONNECTION. MAESTRONE

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